**Applicants** 

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Title

Process for the synthesis of perindopril and pharmaceutically

acceptable salts thereof.

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Alexandria, VA 22313

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and CLAIM TO PRIORITY AND FILING OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.55 AND 35 USC § 119

Sir:

As soon as the Serial No. and Filing Date have been accorded the aboveidentified application, kindly enter the following amendment:

IN THE ABSTRACT: Kindly replace the Abstract with the substitute Abstract sheet provided herewith.

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>: See Listing of Claims. This listing will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

## **REMARKS:**

A few constructive editorial changes have been made in the claims to bring them somewhat more into line with U.S. practice and requirements.

Applicant claims the benefit of EPO Application No. 03 292864.0 filed on November 19, 2003, a certified copy of which and translation thereof are attached hereto.

Entry of the amendments and favorable action on the merits are all hereby respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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